

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Spring Loose Leaf Collection Begins March 25

Gaithersburg, MD (March 19, 2019) Loose leaf collection for single family and townhouse owners in the City of Gaithersburg will take place March 25 through April 12, weather permitting. Collection is made weekly, however there may be a one to two-day delay during busy periods. Place leaves at the street curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling day. Note that leaves placed in alleys or mews will not be collected. After the collection period ends, leaves can be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags and left curbside with other recyclables on your weekly collection day.

Please remove limbs, rocks or other heavy objects from leaf piles. Never drive across or park over a leaf pile and do not allow children to play in leaves along the street.

As a reminder, during periods of potential storm activity, please delay leaf raking until after the effects of the storm have passed. Also, do not rake leaves into gutters or streets. Rake them into grassy areas behind the curb line to allow water to flow into catch basins. This will help prevent the basins from clogging and will help prevent street flooding. Assistance moving leaves already in gutters to grassy areas would be greatly appreciated.

The burning of leaves is not allowed in the City of Gaithersburg. See the video here for more information about outdoor fire safety.

For more information, visit <u>www.gaithersburgmd.gov</u> or contact the City of Gaithersburg Department of Public Works at 301-258-6370.

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